

ABSTRACT

The present invention relates to universal joints, and more particularly, to an apparatus and method for servicing staked universal joints as well as a u-joint serviced with the method and apparatus of the present invention. The service kit includes a replacement bearing assembly, a retention assembly and a spacer sized to fit between the retention assembly and the replacement bearing assembly. The method generally includes the steps of removing the stakes from an aperture on a driveshaft, removing an original bearing assembly from the aperture, inserting the replacement bearing assembly into the aperture, inserting the spacer into the aperture and retaining the spacer and replacement bearing assembly within the aperture with the retention assembly.